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Letters to the editor



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To the editor:

Students, take note. We may be observing the end of civil liberty in Maine. We refer to the actions of those who commit and allow demonstrations of innate thick-headedness such as those aimed at this weekend's gay symposium. Cases in point: a poster proclaiming "The Only Good Fag is a Dead Fag" draped around the Black Bear "Symbolic of Maine Spirit," another saying "Fags Get Lost" hanging from a dorm window, verbal abuse including that of

the electronically amplified variety, and assorted other acts of harrassment. If this is Maine spirit, one can feel only pity.

We are white, Anglo-Saxon, and 100 per cent heterosexual. But we are also among what appears to be an ever-decreasing minority of those who still believe in the Bill of Rights. These anti-gay displays serve only to embarrass and insult those people who are open-minded enough to allow basic freedoms. The events of the weekend, protesting the gays,

by their very nature reflect the treatment of Jews in the early days of Nazism.

Decadence? It is *not* the gay convention, but the utterly backward reaction to it which shall serve as the prime indicator for those who point to decadence on the American college campus. Progress, rest in peace.

Sincerely,

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